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FREE MEDICINES IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the patients admitted in General ward of AIIMS are entitled for free medicines as per the covabulary prepared by AIIMS;

(b) if so, the reasons for General ward patients are given prescription for purchasing each and every medicines from the market; and

(c) the amount incurred by AIIMS in procuring medicines for free distribution in General ward during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : All patients who are admitted in the General wards in AIIMS hospital are provided with common and emergency medicines/surgical items including cotton gauge, syringes etc. Only those patients who can afford to buy the medicines not available in the hospital are asked to buy such items. In case of very poor indigent patients, who all the required medicines and surgical items are provided by the AIIMS Hospital.

(c) : The expenditure incurred by the AIIMS hospital in procuring medicines for the hospitalized patient (and EHS beneficiaries) for the financial year 1999-2000 , 2000-2001, 2001-2002 is Rs. 9.67 crores, Rs. 9.80 crores & Rs. 14.10 crores respectively.